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## **Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 88. (Canceled)

- 89. (New) A method for controlling flow in a fuel cell, comprising:
  - producing electrical energy in the fuel cell; and

actuating a thermally-sensitive actuator based on a temperature of the fuel cell for controlling a flow.

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- 90. (New) The method according to claim 89, wherein said thermally-sensitive actuator increases or decreases said flow.
- 91. (New) The method according to claim 89, wherein said flow comprises a flow of fuel to the fuel cell or a flow of water to the fuel cell.
- 92. (New) The method according to claim 89, wherein said actuator comprises a shape memory material, alloy and/or a bimetal material.
- 93. (New) The method according to claim 92, wherein said bimetal material comprises a nickel and/or titanium alloy.
- 94. (New) The method according to claim 89, wherein said thermally-sensitive actuator is actuated in response to heat generated by the fuel cell.
- 95. (New) A method for controlling a flow in a fuel cell, comprising:

producing electrical energy in said fuel cell;

providing a flow of a fluid to a fuel mixture of said fuel cell in response to said production of electrical energy; and

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expanding a first material in response to a fuel concentration of said fuel mixture, wherein expansion of said first material controls said flow.

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96. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein said flow comprises a flow of water or a flow of fuel.

- 97. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein said first material comprises Nafion.
- 98. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein said expansion of said first material increases or decreases said flow.
- 99. (New) A method for determining a concentration of fuel in a fuel cell comprising:

providing a dimensionally variable first material capable of expansion and contraction in relation to a concentration of fuel in a fuel cell, wherein a conductor is disposed on or within the first material;

flowing an electrical current through said conductor;

measuring an electrical property of said conductor, wherein as fuel concentration changes, the first material expands resulting in a proportionate change to the electrical property of said conductor.

100. (New) The method according to claim 99, wherein the electrical property comprises at least one of resistance, impedance, and conductance.

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